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**From:** Johnston, Jon [Johnston.Jon@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/4/2017 8:18:24 PM  
**To:** Crosby-Vega, Terri [Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Open burning/open detonation munitions

FYI

*Jon D. Johnston, Chief*  
Materials and Waste Management Branch  
EPA Region 4  
404-562-8527

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**From:** Sasseville, Sonya  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:54 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Ames, Jeremy <Ames.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Roepe, Wayne <Roepe.Wayne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Open burning/open detonation munitions

I'm going into a meeting and will look at this afterward, but in meantime am looping in our communications group in ORCR. Reporter should have gone through Press Office. Wayne, is Ken in this week?

**From:** Daniel Ross [<mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Jon <[Johnston.Jon@epa.gov](mailto:Johnston.Jon@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Sasseville, Sonya <[Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov](mailto:Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov)>; Bertrand, Charlotte <[Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov](mailto:Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov)>; Shuster, Kenneth <[Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov)>; Wilson, Michaelle <[Wilson.Michaelle@epa.gov](mailto:Wilson.Michaelle@epa.gov)>; Monell, Carol <[Monell.Carol@epa.gov](mailto:Monell.Carol@epa.gov)>; Crosby-Vega, Terri <[Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov](mailto:Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks so much, Jon. Greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross  
(323) 482 8911  
[@ldanross](mailto:@ldanross)

On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 10:14 AM, Johnston, Jon <[Johnston.Jon@epa.gov](mailto:Johnston.Jon@epa.gov)> wrote:

I'm copying the HQ contacts on this response to encourage a call back. I've included Charlotte Bertrand with the Federal Facilities office as well.

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**From:** Daniel Ross [mailto:[dross1@gm.slc.edu](mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:50 PM  
**To:** Johnston, Jon <[Johnston.Jon@epa.gov](mailto:Johnston.Jon@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks for getting back to me, Jon, appreciated. And thank you for the contact numbers.

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I will try the other two contacts you've provided. But just in case they, too, don't respond, I just want to elaborate upon what I'm eager to speak with someone about:

- The original exemption for open burning of waste explosives:

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/265.382>

<https://www.epa.gov/hwpermitting/requirements-miscellaneous-hazardous-waste-units>

- The Military Munitions Rule, and how that ties into the open burning of explosives.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross

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@ldanross

On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 7:10 AM, Johnston, Jon <[Johnston.Jon@epa.gov](mailto:Johnston.Jon@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Ross:

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I copied Sonya Sasseville, Michelle Wilson and Ken Shuster on this response as they are the most knowledgeable program leaders who can assist you. Their phone numbers are:

Sonya: 703-308-8648

Michelle: (703) 308-8790

Ken: 703-308-8759

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**From:** Daniel Ross [mailto:[Personal Email / Ex. 6](mailto:Personal Email / Ex. 6)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:41 AM

**To:** Johnston, Jon <[Johnston.Jon@epa.gov](mailto:Johnston.Jon@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Open burning/open detonation munitions

Dear Jon --

My name is Dan Ross, I'm a reporter with FairWarning, and I'm working on a story looking at the open burning and open detonation of munitions, and the possible impact the upcoming National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study might have on this practice. This is an issue I know quite well, having written on it twice before. I'm working on an update on the topic for FairWarning.

I'm eager to speak with someone about the regulatory side of the issue within the EPA, and Terri Crosby-Vega recommended that I reach out to you.

If you are able and willing to speak with me, my tentative deadline is this Thursday.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross

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